

EXHIBIT 18

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE PACIFIC FERTILITY)
 CENTER LITIGATION,) Case No. 3:18-cv-01586-JSC
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VIDEOTAPED & VIDEOCONFERENCED DEPOSITION of
 PACIFIC MSO, LLC's 30(b)(6) designee GINA CIRIMELE - Volume I
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Volume I, taken on behalf of Defendant Chart, Inc.,
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THE VIDEOGRAPHER:

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1 entry "Fill tomorrow when restocked on LN2," did you
2 investigate the LN2 supply that was in the tank room on
3 February 8?

4 MR. TARANTINO: Vague.

09:06 5 THE WITNESS: I can't remember specifically if
6 I was the one to do that, but I generally remember
7 that's -- we were low on liquid nitrogen. So I wanted
8 to clarify that we had low nitrogen stock.

9 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: And who determined that you were
09:07 10 low on the stock supply of LN2 that day?

11 MR. TARANTINO: Foundation. Speculation.

12 THE WITNESS: I can't remember if it was anyone
13 specific. It could have just been everyone in general.
14 Typically we fill tanks together. So it was probably
09:07 15 just communicated with everyone. But again, I can't
16 remember specifically.

17 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: So let me -- let me just back up
18 a little bit so I understand how the LN2 supply works.
19 There's a tank room, obviously, that I've seen through a
09:07 20 Zoom inspection that was set up for us. And in there
21 there's 22 psi tanks that are connected to a plumbing
22 system; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then those feed the tanks in the IVF lab;
09:07 25 is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the 22 psi tanks serve Tanks 1 through 6;
3 is that right?

4 MR. TARANTINO: Vague.

09:07 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: Okay. And so when you're
7 writing the note "Fill tomorrow when restocked on LN2,"
8 that was a note that went across all of the Tanks 1
9 through 6; correct?

09:08 10 A. Yes. General stock of tanks.

11 Q. When an LN2 supply runs low is it common for
12 the pressure to drop as well?

13 MR. TARANTINO: Expert opinion. Vague.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm not too sure. Sometimes if
09:08 15 we are low we won't use the auto fill function; so we
16 would manually fill since the auto fill does lose a lot
17 of nitrogen.

18 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: Was that something that was
19 being done in the period of February 8 and February 9?

09:08 20 MR. TARANTINO: Speculation.

21 THE WITNESS: I can't recall at this point.

22 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: But if you could help me
23 understand, if you're running low on liquid nitrogen in
24 the supply tanks, how would you be able to manually
09:08 25 fill?

1 A. So we just use up the rest of the liquid
2 nitrogen in the tanks, fill it into a bucket rather than
3 running it through the whole lines. You use a lot of
4 nitrogen running through the lines. So to try to
09:09 5 preserve as much as we could, then we possibly could
6 have been filling with buckets to preserve as much
7 nitrogen as we could.

8 Q. Before you made the entry on March 19 that you
9 would fill tomorrow when restocked on LN2, did you
09:09 10 discuss that incident in February 8 with folks where the
11 supply went down?

12 MR. TARANTINO: Assumes facts.

13 THE WITNESS: I can't specifically recall at
14 this point.

09:09 15 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: How about general?

16 A. Possibly. Again, it's too far back to
17 remember; but I probably did talk to people in the lab
18 about it.

19 Q. Do you recall who that might have been?

09:09 20 A. I can't recall at this point.

21 Q. Did you speak to Dr. Conaghan about it?

22 A. Possibly.

23 Q. Do you have a recollection of your conversation
24 with Dr. Conaghan about the insufficient supply of
09:10 25 liquid nitrogen on February 8?

1 MR. TARANTINO: Assumes facts.

2 THE WITNESS: I can't recall specifically.

3 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: How about generally, ma'am?

4 MR. TARANTINO: Same objection.

09:10 5 THE WITNESS: No, I can't recall.

6 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: But it's possible you discussed
7 this with him?

8 MR. TARANTINO: Asked and answered.

9 THE WITNESS: Again, it's possible.

09:10 10 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: Okay. Was that a common
11 occurrence in the lab for LN2 supply to run low?

12 MR. TARANTINO: Speculation. Foundation.

13 THE WITNESS: No. Not typically.

14 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: How many times would you
09:10 15 estimate it would happen in a month?

16 MR. TARANTINO: Foundation.

17 THE WITNESS: Hardly ever. Probably just this
18 one time. I don't really remember it happening other
19 times.

09:10 20 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: Well, you do recall this
21 procedure where you would manually fill buckets, right,
22 when LN2 supply would run low?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How many times would you estimate that would
09:11 25 happen in a quarter?

1 MR. TARANTINO: Foundation. Speculation.

2 THE WITNESS: I don't know about that. I mean,
3 it's -- again, it wouldn't be strictly just because we
4 were low on liquid nitrogen. Sometimes that would just
09:11 5 be the way we would fill it because we would have an
6 extra bucket. It's not necessarily because we were low
7 on liquid nitrogen.

8 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: I guess my question was a little
9 different. Can you estimate for me how often in a
09:11 10 quarterly basis the clinic would run low on LN2 supply?

11 MR. TARANTINO: Speculation. Foundation.

12 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure. Very minimal, if
13 any.

14 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: And then how about on a yearly
09:11 15 basis, how often would PFC experience a low LN2 supply?

16 MR. TARANTINO: Lacks foundation. Speculation.

17 THE WITNESS: Again, I'm not sure. Same --
18 same answer. Very minimally, if hardly ever.

19 Q. BY MR. DUFFY: What did you do to prepare for
09:12 20 your deposition today?

21 A. I reviewed the metadata that was provided to
22 the deposition and just familiarized myself with more of
23 this Reflections data.

24 Q. Anything else?

09:12 25 A. No.

1 Q. Did you -- did you meet with your attorneys? I
2 don't want to know what you discussed. Did you meet
3 with your attorneys?

4 A. Yes. I did have some deposition prep.

09:12 5 Q. And then did you speak with anybody at PFC
6 prior to your deposition today?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you speak with anybody at PFC about your
9 deposition?

09:13 10 A. No.

11 Q. In 2018 was there an employee at PFC by the
12 name of Valerie?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And is she still an employee of PFC?

09:13 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What is her last name?

17 A. Hines.

18 Q. How do you spell that?

19 A. H-i-n-e-s.

09:13 20 Q. And what is her title?

21 A. She is also an embryologist and andrologist.

22 Q. Was she in charge of ordering LN2 for the lab
23 in 2018?

24 MR. TARANTINO: Foundation.

09:14 25 THE WITNESS: I don't remember specifically.

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